

## Message Text

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TAGS: ETRD, EIND, UK  
SUBJECT: UK GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL  
TREATMENT OF ICL COMPUTERS

REF: LONDON 10555

1. CHARLES MORRIS, THE MINISTER OF STATE AT THE  
CIVIL SERVICE DEPARTMENT, STATED ON JULY 27 IN A  
WRITTEN HOUSE OF COMMONS REPLY THAT PREFERENTIAL TREAT-  
MENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO  
INTERNATIONAL COMPUTERS LIMITED (ICL) WHEN ORDERING  
COMPUTERS FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT USE. MR. MORRIS SAID  
THE ARRANGEMENT, STARTED IN 1971, WHICH ALLOWS ICL TO  
BE THE ONLY COMPANY TO TENDER FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE  
GOVERNMENT'S COMPUTER NEEDS, IS TO CONTINUE.

2. THE CONTINUANCE OF THIS POLICY WAS ADVOCATED BY THE  
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NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE'S COMPUTER SECTOR  
WORKING PARTY IN A REPORT IN MAY (SEE REFTEL).

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